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2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Drawings 2 sheets of formal informal drawings containing 3 figures.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney
5. Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 00/52877.
6. Certified copy of Canadian Patent Application No. 2,263,056 filed on February 26, 1999.

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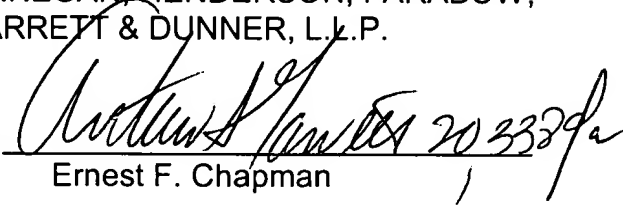
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